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In re Application of  
Wheat et al.  
Application No. 09/670,189  
Filed: September 26, 2000  
Attorney Docket No. 13DV-13658/11593

**ON PETITION**

This is a decision on the petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.137(b), filed January 27, 2003, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is **granted**.

This application became abandoned for failure to timely reply within three months to the non-final Office action mailed April 15, 2002. No extensions of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) were obtained. Accordingly, this application became abandoned on July 16, 2002. A Notice of Abandonment was mailed on October 25, 2002.

Petitioner has met the requirements to revive the above-identified application pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b).

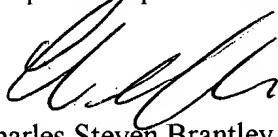
It is not apparent whether the person signing the statement of unintentional delay was in a position to have firsthand or direct knowledge of the facts and circumstances of the delay at issue. Nevertheless, such statement is being treated as having been made as the result of a reasonable inquiry into the facts and circumstances of such delay.<sup>1</sup> In the event that such an inquiry has not been made, petitioner must make such an inquiry. If such inquiry results in the discovery that it is not correct that the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b) was intentional, petition must notify the Office.

There is no indication that the person signing the instant petition was ever given a power of attorney or authorization of agent to prosecute the above-identified application. If the person signing the instant petition desires to receive future correspondence regarding this application, the appropriate power of attorney or authorization of agent must be submitted. While a courtesy copy of this decision is being mailed to the person signing the instant petition, all future correspondence will be directed solely to the address currently of record until such time as appropriate instructions are received to the contrary.

<sup>1</sup> See 37 CFR 10.18(b) and Changes to Patent Practice and Procedure; Final Rule Notice, 62 Fed. Reg. 53131, 53178 (October 10, 1997), 1203 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 63, 103 (October 21, 1997).

The file is now being forwarded to Technology Center 1700.

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